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Ashcroft defends actions: Slapped with lawsuit

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WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The radical actions by Attorney General John Ashcroft to fight terrorism - including mass detentions of immigrants - have gone too far.

That was the accusation to which Ashcroft responded in a tense hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week. Almost simultaneously, a coalition of 16 civil liberties groups slapped him with a lawsuit, aiming to curtail civil liberties violations.

The attorney general fought steadily.

"We need honest, reasoned debate, not fear mongering," he said, under intense questioning from committee Chairman Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), an outspoken critic of the manner in which the new anti-terrorism laws have been carried out and a fierce Ashcroft opponent.

"To those who scare peace-loving people with phantoms of lost liberty, my message in this hour is simple: your tactics only aid terrorists; for they erode our national unity and diminish our resolve," Ashcroft said.

His Republican colleagues defended him, decrying the complaints as "hysterical concerns," as stated by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT).

The committee held the hearing in the wake of growing outrage by civil liberties groups and some members of Congress about mass detentions of immigrants and other questionable actions by the Justice Department since Sept. 11.

Ashcroft's mention of "fear-mongering" appeared to be aimed at the American Civil Liberties Union, which has emerged as the leading and most vocal watchdog over civil liberties infringements in anti-terrorism laws.

ACLU Legal Director Steven R. Shapiro said the attorney general has confused legitimate debate with name-calling.

"I support the call for reasoned debate," he said. "I think this country needs it, especially because of the high stakes involved and I think, unfortunately, the attorney general is resorting to name calling rather than legitimate disagreement."

Black people especially have experienced a history of race discrimination and profiling in America. But most of the terrorism-related arrests have been of immigrants, especially Middle Easterners because of the Taliban terrorism charges. Ashcroft's use of new laws strongly supported by President Bush could include lengthy detentions of immigrants as well as military tribunals, which means holding trials in secret and possibly sentencing people to death without a unanimous vote.

The day before Ashcroft's testimony, the ACLU and a string of other civil liberties organizations filed a lawsuit in federal court after the Justice Department possibly sentencing people to death without a unanimous vote. The questions were submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, the federal law

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O CHRISTMAS TREE



NEWARK — Driving down Broad Street in Newark, city residents and visitors alike can delight in the beauty of the magnificent Christmas tree erected outside the Newark City Hall. Decorated with 9,900 gold, green, red, and blue shimmering lights and holly red bows, the 35-foot Douglas fir is a fitting accessory to the golden cupola atop the main administration building.

The Newark Christmas tree is a continuation of a tradition introduced in the United States by Hessian Soldiers during the War of Independence. Ironically, the Newark City Hall, like many seats of government across the nation, is buttressed under a cloak of extra alert following the September 11 terror attacks and the war in Afghanistan. The Christmas tree is a welcomed symbol of normalcy in this season that is usually abundant with the spirit of good will and festiveness. The multicolored lights reflect this multicultural city of more than 273.5 million African American, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Hispanic, Haitian, Pacific Islander, Native, Alaskan and Hawaiian American, Portuguese, Guamanian, Samoan, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Jamaican, Trinidadian, African, and other nationalities of the world community.

Mayor Sharpe James flicked the switch to light the true during Newark's 16th annual Tree lighting ceremony on December 4th. The tree will stand in splendor at City Hall until January 6th following the Three Kings Festival. The Three Kings Festival is one of the oldest epiphany celebrations that originated in Mexico.

The Newark Christmas tree was delivered from All American Decorating, Contact, Inc., in Maywood, New Jersey and decorated by the Department of Public Buildings.

Black Legislators Release Study Urging Improved Education In Urban Schools

By MASHAUN D. SIMON

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ATLANTA (NNPA)—Education is still separate and unequal in too many urban school districts across the nation, according to "Closing the Achievement Gap: Improving Educational Outcomes for African American Children," a study released by the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL).

Created in 1977, the group is comprised of more than 600 black elected officials representing an estimated 45 states. The group recently held its annual conference in Atlanta.

According to the report, compiled and released by NBCSL's Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, its goals are to focus national attention on balancing achievement levels between black and white students.

If children are to succeed they must be strong in math, English and science, said committee chair, Sen. C. J. Prentiss (Ohio).

"However, according to 1999 statistics from the United States Department of Education, the math skills of an average African American 17-year-old are equivalent to a Caucasian 13-year-old," she said.

There are a variety of conditions that can be attributed to African Americans' lack of skills, according to the NBCSL report. They include limited financial resources, overcrowded classes and a shortage of qualified teachers in urban school systems.

"For the past 25 years we have concentrated on building our legacy and charting a course of action for the future," said NBCSL president Rep. James L. Thomas (Ala.).

"There is a growing disparity in the way children of poor and colored communities in this nation are being educated. It is our responsibility as state representatives to step forward as an

organization and issue our findings to influence some form of change and equality," Thomas said.

And don't count on vouchers to solve the problem, says the NBCSL, who oppose the practice because of the "brain-drain" it has on urban school systems when bright African American students are bused out of their respective home schools to other districts.

The NBCSL suggests that those who support vouchers create legislation that would mandate open access for all students and an array of effective programs to serve the needs of all students, and the same accountability standards for voucher schools as for public schools, including fiscal responsibility. Voucher schools are cost effective.

The NBCSL also recommends a limit on federal and state money given to charter schools until more comprehensive data is collected on charter school operations.

A newly allowed practice in Georgia and other states, charter schools are not subject to the same standards as traditional public schools and in some cases, are able to fashion their own curriculum independent of their respective state while reaping state and private dollars.

Other NBCSL recommendations for urban school systems include: generating funds to make class sizes smaller, improving teacher quality, funding prevention-intervention programs and putting more money into low-income public schools.

"If we solidify high quality education for African American students, we will surely affect the direction of change," said Prentiss.

W.E.B. DuBois once said the problem with America is the colored problem. Forty-seven years after Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, KS, we now face similar inequities faced then. We must address these challenges," Prentiss said.

Education Council report says Newark higher ed

NEWARK — The four public institutions of higher learning here, which together spend several billions of dollars educating students, continue to fuel the city's renaissance, according to a recent report, Council for Higher Education In Newark Economic Impact Report 2000, issued by The Council for Higher Education in Newark (CHEN).

If the four schools that comprise CHEN - Essex County College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rutgers University Newark and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey were viewed as a business, they would be a \$1.1 billion corporation with more than 11,800 employees, \$480 million in payrolls and 26,000 students, the report says.

The schools propel the city's resurgence in many ways. They not only educate students, who soon join the workforce, but they also employ thousands of local residents. In Essex County, they employ more people than the chemical, construction, and legal

industries. They number among Newark's largest employers, accounting for nine percent of the city's jobs.

The \$1.1 billion spent by the schools on labor, materials and services has a ripple effect that benefits nearly every aspect of the state's economy. Last year, for instance, the schools' total spending of \$1.1 billion generated more than \$2.6 billion in spending.

The total impact of CHEN's operations also generate 24,558 jobs in the state, of which almost half were in Essex County. And most of those jobs 10,304 of them were located in Newark people working on the college campuses.

And 40 percent of those workers, moreover, live in Essex County. CHEN capital investments between 1990 and 2000 generated a total of \$923 million in spending and 7,843 construction related jobs throughout the state. Investments planned for 2001/2002 are expected to generate \$918 million in spending and 7,801 jobs in New Jersey.

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UNITED YOUTH COUNCIL CELEBRATES 16 YEARS

The United Youth Council, Inc., of Elizabeth recently celebrated their 16th of operation at an awards banquet. The honorees (l-r) are Malik Johnson, Bill Lavin, Elizabeth Fire Department union president, Carol Cascio, vice president of Elizabeth School Board, Rey Burgos, Lakesh Woodley, Tracy Johnson and Salaam Ismail, United Youth Council's chairman.



NJ NETS AND DEVILS FOUNDATION SCHOLARS, NEWARK BOYS & GIRLS CLUB — Shown are (rear l-r) Scholars Lourdes Rayo, a Paterson resident attending Passaic County Community College, Grace Balta, a Paterson resident attending Seton Hall University, and Ivone Araujo, a Newark resident attending Seton Hall University assist (center l-r) New Jersey Nets players Jason Kidd and Kerry Kittles, as they sign autographs for (front) members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newark during the NJ Nets Fourth Annual Holiday Party held at the NJ Nets Champion Center in East Rutherford.



Essex County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Armando Fontoura (5th from left) and Santa Claus welcome representatives from New Community Corporation to the Essex County Courthouse. Essex County Sheriff's Office and the African American Law Enforcement Association contributed holiday toys to participants of N. C. C.'s "Gateway to Work" program. Sheriff Fontoura and Santa made additional stops where they provided gifts to youngsters at The Salvation Army the Battered Women's Shelter.



Anheuser-Busch helps support technology program for youth

Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., took part in a recent ceremony honoring young people in the Urban League of Essex County NJLITES Program during the organization's Technology & Youth Perfect Together Completion event. Cynthia Moore, region manager, Corporate Affairs for Anheuser-Busch (back row, right), is shown with Cheryl Pelt, president and CEO, Urban League of Essex County (back row, left). Pictured with the two are program participants (front row, left): Julio Santana, nica Medina, Anise-Jillies and Rahmin Wynn. For more information, contact Lisa Wolfe at 314.577.3914.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

SUBURBAN ESSEX - The Suburban Essex Nutrition Program of Senior Services, Inc. will start the holidays with a luncheon for seniors from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration is necessary sign up with a site manager or call Jackie 973-0640 ext. 22.

WEST LONG BRANCH - SingleFACES will host Upscale Singles Networking and Dance Party at Squire's Court at 9 p.m. Admission is \$12. For more info call (732) 817-9292.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

ATLANTIC CITY - The Atlantic City Arts Center will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturdays. Admission is \$8.95. For more info call (609) 652-0544.

LIVINGSTON - Volunteer Advocacy Program hosts an In-Service Meeting & Holiday Get Together from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP Sue Rosebranz @ 973-673-0640 ext. 38.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Jazz Institute of New Jersey hosts Holiday Concert/Party at the Hub Teen Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Regular Admission is \$10 and \$5 for Jazz Students. For more info call (732) 214-0113.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

NEWARK, MAPLEWOOD - Camelback Ski Area in Tannersville Pennsylvania presents Learn to Ski and Improvement Days leaving from Newark and Maplewood. Prices vary, for more info call (973) 643-7545.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

NEWARK - The Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee hosts "Christmas in the Central Ward." The cost of the tour is \$20. For more info call (973) 622-4910.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

EDISON - SingleFACES will host an Upscale Singles Networking and Dance Party at the Ramada Plaza Raritan Center from 8pm-2am. Admission is \$12. For more info call (732) 817-9292.

FRIDAYS, JANUARY 5, 12, 19

ELIZABETH - Community Access Unlimited hosts Homebuyers Seminars in English and Spanish from 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info call (908) 354-3040 ext. 72.

OCEAN CITY - Ocean City hosts a First Night Celebration from 3:30 pm - 1 am. Admission is \$12 per person. For more info call (609) 525-9300.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

NEW BRUNSWICK - Grammy Award Winner Regina Belle is the featured artist at the NJ Department of State Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., The State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave. For more information call the box office at 732-745-5673.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

TANNERSVILLE PENNSYLVANIA - Camelback Ski Area presents learn to Ski and Improvement Days leaving from Newark and Maplewood. Prices vary, for more info call (973) 643-7545.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

EAST ORANGE - The East Orange Education Foundation, Inc. will sponsor A Citywide Spelling Bee. For more information contact Hamilton Bowser at 973-674-1250 or Eleanor Forbes at 973-266-5763.

In the Spirit of Janus

This is our last issue for the year 2001, and in the spirit of Janus, we want to reflect on the year and send up our prayers for the year 2002. Certainly the notable staff of our lives was overshadowed by the September 11 terrorists attack, which galvanized our faith, spirits, sorrows, and patriotism.

At first the City News staff was collectively at a loss to recall the events prior to September 11, but we think it is important to remember some of the other touchstones in a year that significantly changed our lives.

The year began with protests in Washington over a protracted presidential election dispute that was settled by the Supreme Court. The discovery that our hard fought voting rights were being co-opted by malfunctioning voting machines led to calls for election reform. Nevertheless, Jersey City and Atlantic City elected African American mayors, and the Civil Rights Garden, commemorating the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Delegation was dedicated in Atlantic City. The Meharry Medical School celebrated 125 years, and the black press commemorated its 175th anniversary. The candles of Rev. Leon Sullivan, Aaliyah, Lawrence A. Still, Gloria Foster and Khalid Muhammad were among those snuffed out. The U.N. held a conference for reparations. B.E.T. fired Tavis Smiley. A slender Rev. Al Sharpton, of the Viqueses Four, emerged from jail. New Jersey and other states admitted to racial profiling. Abner Louima received a \$9 million police brutality settlement. A black teenager was sentenced to 28 years in prison for killing his girlfriend. Cincinnati became a racial flashpoint when a police officer (later acquitted) shot a teenager. Rev. Jesse Jackson's "love child" was exposed. The market turned down, pushing the number of unemployed Americans past 400,000. Former President Clinton gave credence to the insider joke that he is really a "brother" by moving his office to Harlem. Newly elected senators Hillary Clinton and Jon Corzine went off to Washington. The Democrats swept into state and office on the coattails of Gov. Eliot J. Dimmock in an election upset that also made former Assemblywoman Nia Gill the second African American female state senator. In New York City, Democratic mayoral candidate Mark Green's insults against African American and Hispanics cost him the election.

As we look towards the holidays and the year 2002, framed by the war between the Taliban in Queda and other enemies known and unknown, some of us struggle to define our year. The year 2001 was a year of loss. It was a year that was completely disillusioned about her personal future because President Bush had dipped into social security to aid the September 11 victims. Another young woman expressed joy in watching her first born grow into adult hood, and seeing her family progress towards new and unique experiences.

What is important is that these young women have hope for the future in the midst of the devastation we have experienced. We too have hope. More than ever before we hold up hope that God hears the prayers of the righteous during this season when we celebrate the birth of His Son, the Prince of Peace. We hope that God gives our nation a swift, mighty victory over the evil we are facing, and that many lives are spared during the war. We hope that more of us remember to honor and praise Him daily for granting us mercy. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa, and a Happy, Prosperous, and Peaceful New Year to you, your

True patriot is one who raises questions

By Rodolfo Acuna

For the past few weeks, I have been attempting to avoid the controversy around the events of Sept. 11, realizing that navigating a mine field covered by flags is never easy.

What is my worst fear is that we won't ask the questions we should ask today until after the body bags begin coming home. As a citizen, I want specific questions answered before we commit ourselves, or our children, to another war.

I do not believe that debating the reasons for a war and the consequences of our actions is unpatriotic. As a father of a teenage daughter and grandfather of three boys springing toward draft age, I don't want to find myself in the position of Robert McNamara and his goggle of hawks who orchestrated the Vietnam War and later said that they had been mistaken.

Unlike so many of today's pious voices, I volunteered for a war in the Korean War. I was old enough (and yet young enough) to remember and identify with the words of the "Saddo Rao" sung by my uncles, cousins and family friends as they went off to World War II. I will prove that my race knows how to die anywhere. I leave early tomorrow as the light of day shines here goes another Mexican who knows how to gamble his life, that gives his farewell singing: Long live my country.

With age and education, I concluded that you do not have to "gamble" your life to be an American. The true patriot is the

person who raises questions, and avoids mistakes. The true hero is the person who speaks up against injustice wherever it is.

I envy those in Germany who spoke up against the Holocaust and those here who spoke up against the internment of Japanese Americans. The American heroes for me are the Quakers who spoke up against the genocide of the Native Americans, slavery and the Mexican War and defended peace.

On Sept. 11th, a tragic thing happened. The indiscriminate killing of innocent people is the kind of extremism that I condemned in my own government when it bombed Baghdad. In the 1980s, I raised similar concerns about Osama bin Laden and his ilk. I don't want to find myself as being one of the on the side criterion that they were anti-communist.

I am no fan of the Taliban regime but asking for the evidence against bin Laden before handing him over seems reasonable. We are not above international law and for us to bully any country to extradite one of its residents without any sort of documentation places us above the law.

It is the extremist who believes that waving a flag or blowing up people or bullying them can solve our problems. It is this kind of extremism, and the public's acceptance of it, that has led to police states. Democracy requires debate, not the waving of the flag.

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Striking teacher heroes, respect them

When women are the heroes men look them up.

This week two male superior court judges in New Jersey looked up close to 200 schoolteachers, the majority of them women.

As in many helping professions—nursing, counseling, teaching—women are on the front lines—taking the guff from students, administrators, parents, business men, and tax payers wanting no tax. But what does the law do when women demand redress of their grievances? They throw them in.

What happened in Monmouth County, New Jersey, recently is a disgrace. The action of the judge to lock up teachers disgraces the profession. It disgraces the teachers. It minimizes the critical importance of the education of young people and it sends a message of disrespect redoubled. It says—as too often students act out—it's OK to disrespect the women (and men, but mostly women) teachers who care most and most often and most sacrificially for you.

Women in schools are like women in churches. If it were not for them the whole shebang would bust. Teachers not only coddle and cuddle where they can. They excuse the incursions. They pay out of their pockets for necessary supplies and materials and equipment—as one jailed teacher told the press and, as I know from my own teaching practice—that systems and administrators refuse to pay for. Teachers make up the short fall when powerful superintendents and principals find other priorities such as sport more important than schooling. I know of teachers who are money hungry, or money makers for that matter. No salary or benefits package could ever be too much for teachers in the trenches of today's schools and colleges.

They are the true heroes. Yet they get no respect. They are repaid by being put in irons. And they are heroes not only for what they give but also for what they put up with. Parents who don't discipline their offspring and who believe their little

teacher of 37 years was right in her words to the judge: "Sometimes good people have to stand up to fight an unjust law."

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Community voice or captive of the right?

Report Examines Money Trail of Black Alliance for Educational Options, Finds Key Backers Also Finance Anti-Affirmative Action and Far-Right Efforts

Over the past nine months, millions of Americans have seen lavishly produced TV ads featuring African American parents talking about school vouchers.

These ads and their sponsor, the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO), portray vouchers as an effort to help low-income kids. But a new report explores the money trail behind BAEO, finding that it leads directly to a handful of wealthy right-wing foundations and individuals that have a deeper agenda—not only supporting the school voucher movement, but also backing anti-affirmative action campaigns and other efforts that leading African American organizations have opposed or considered offensive.

The foundations and individuals who are funding and helping to drive BAEO's activities are detailed in a new report by People For the American Way Foundation (PFAW). The report, "Community Voice or Captive of the Right? A Closer Look at the Black Alliance for Educational Options," can be obtained at: http://www.pfaw.org/issues/education/vouchers/factsheets/BAEO_Report12_01.pdf

After vouchers failed in the 1980s and 1990s to gain popular support, key supporters decided on a different strategy: adopt the language of the civil rights movement and assert that vouchers are a way to help low-income African American students. This strategy seeks to boost support for vouchers beyond the mostly white, conservative constituency that has been most favorable to vouchers to far. Yet, many of the forces that are funding BAEO's ad campaign have broader agendas that include school privatization and hostility toward programs or policies that enhance opportunities for African Americans.

Community Voice or Captive of the Right? offers these and other insights about the foundations and individuals that provide

"Our community

deserves to know the truth about the people who are funding BAEO and the destructive agenda they have for African-American families."

key financial support to BAEO. The Bradley Foundation has provided grants to vocal opponents of affirmative action and provided nearly \$1 million to researcher Charles Murray. Murray is co-author of the 1994 book *The Bell Curve*, which suggests that African-Americans are intellectually inferior to whites. The foundation has also funneled nearly \$4 million to the right-wing Center for the Study of Popular Culture.

President, David Horowitz, wrote a controversial newspaper ad last year opposing reparations for slavery and suggesting that Blacks should feel "gratitude" that their ancestors were brought to America in bondage.

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by Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington
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WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Even though beleaguered Black businesses are facing increased challenges to affirmative action and other programs designed to assist them in gaining their fair share of the marketplace, they are refusing to abandon their quest for respect and fairness.

"The federal government has an obligation to do business with us because of the taxpayers' money that goes into it," states Harry Alford, president and chief executive of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. "Contractors should stand and advocate for themselves."

That's exactly what African-Americans continue to plan to do.

"Absolutely, we will continue to fight for the public dollar," says Arnold M. Jolivet, executive director of the National Association of Minority Contractors. "And there are many fights that lie ahead."

A recent NNPA News Service investigation disclosed that the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), which was argued before the Supreme Court last month in Adarand v. Mineta, has been awarding a decreasing percentage of contracts to such companies for five consecutive years.

It was also disclosed that according to Federal Highway Administration figures, the number of women-owned firms awarded DBE contracts had jumped from 19 percent in 1985 to 52 percent in 1997. Over that same period, the share of black firms awarded DBE contracts fell from 36 percent to 13 percent.

At the state level, black-owned companies receive only 49 cents of each dollar they would get if they were receiving their fair share of state and local contracts.

While vowing to fight for federal dollars, black business organizations are placing more emphasis on the private sector.

"It's not necessarily the answer to the problem, but it's a prudent business decision because the private sector is where the bulk and the

majority of dollars are to begin with," explains Jolivet. "It makes good, sound business sense. Especially since the private sector also has a lot of tax dollars in it, because a lot of private sector projects have public subsidies. So that cuts both ways."

Ed Davis, dean of the Clark Atlanta University School of Business, says the center is now teaching entrepreneurs to 'develop preparations to move away from the public sector and more towards the private sector' through marketing.

Davis says attacks on affirmative action programs over the past decade "have been vicious and we've been losing." He cited the Atlanta's Minority Business Program as an example. Davis said the program started in 1973 as a very strong, goal-based program. However, the 1989 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Croson v. City of Richmond specifically outlawed quotas in local programs.

At the national level, the court has insisted on a "strict scrutiny" standard for reviewing contracting programs that aid women and people of color. Consequently, government entities are being forced to develop "race neutral" programs that are not as effective as those that target specific groups.

While that has discouraged some African-American contractors, they've been encouraged by what they've seen in the private sector.

For example, the Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Corp. last year announced a commitment to spend \$800 million over the next five years, specifically with minority- and women-owned businesses, says a company spokesman Ronald Coleman. He said Coca-Cola also strongly encourages their large contractors to subcontract women and minority owned businesses, producing the initial \$800 million.

"Women and minorities are important consumers of our products, so we just think it's important that we reciprocate and provide business opportunities for them," Coleman explains.

Coleman says a strong business case can be made for corporations to pay special attention to African-American and Hispanic consumers.

He observes, "Projections are that somewhere about 25 years down the line, both groups combined will be the majority of folks in this country."

Even now, people of color have tremendous, though seldom leveraged, economic power.

U.S. buying power by people of color, including African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans, was expected to reach \$7.1 trillion by 2001, according to a report prepared by the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. That is well more than the gross national product of China, which is about \$4 trillion.

Among people of color, black consumers actually comprise the largest buying-power group at \$372.1 billion annually, according to the University of Georgia report. But it's difficult to assess "buy-back" campaigns and calls for economic justice.

Ken Smikle, president of the Chicago-based Target Market News, says black-owned businesses "barely keep record of who is actually spending money" with them.

The most serious problem facing black businesses is the lack of access to capital.

The black-owned Industrial Bank in Washington, D.C., for example, extends commercial loans amounting to \$30 million to its business clientele, which is about 90 percent black, said Sharon Zimmerman, the bank's director of marketing and community investment.

But white banks, which have far more money to lend, have been often criticized for their racial insensitivity and redlining practices.

Black business owners in 1992 were less likely than other owners to receive bank financing for their businesses, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C.

"Those who received financing obtained smaller bank loans, on average, than their white counterparts. Black borrowers received average loans of 92 cents per equity dollar, all factors combined, while whites receive \$1.17 per equity dollar in loans," according to the Joint Center.

It also reported that prospective lenders were "four times more likely to deny credit to black-owned firms and twice as likely to deny it to Asian-owned firms than they were to deny it to firms owned by non-Hispanic whites."

A report to Congress by the U.S. General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, says the difficulty that black and other disadvantaged businesses have obtaining bonding, the process by which contractors must pay a specified sum of money to insure a job, may also stultify their growth.

"Using anecdotal information, we identified a number of factors or barriers, such as a lack of working capital and limited access to bonding that may limit DBE's ability to compete for contracts," said the report, dated June 1, 2001.

After the first Adarand decision in 1995, the Clinton administration actually set up a bonding assistance program and started to work with various financial institutions, recalls former Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, one of Clinton's most prominent African-American cabinet members.

"We worked with black banks and some Hispanic financial institutions in order to aid and assist in that regard. We attempted to address the bonding question," Slater said.

However, the question was apparently never adequately addressed.

Sharon Coleman, president of the National Association of Minority Contractors of Southern California, said the bonding process has been made harder by another development.

Coleman says California is beginning to consolidate many small contracts into one. That means that people of color who have been on a smaller job are finding it more difficult to compete for larger contracts that require more resources and, in some instances, a higher level of bonding.

"That means the pie has gotten smaller," Coleman explains. "So you have more people trying to get a piece of that pie. You have to work almost eight to ten times harder to get what you consider your share is."



Will Mingo of Prudential and James Yoakum of USCG



EAST BRUNSWICK — The Minority Interchange Inc. (MI), a not-for-profit organization began in 1975, celebrated "A Quarter Century of Service, A Lifetime of Commitment" last month at their 22nd Annual Constance O. Garrettson Memorial Awards Dinner. Three New Jersey residents were award recipients.



Will Mingo, a director in Prudential's Corporate Governance Organization, received the 2001 Member Service Award. Mingo served as co-chair for the organizations' Northern New Jersey Chapter since 1998. A graduate of Clark Atlanta University, Mingo also holds a MBA from the New York University Institute of Technology. He resides in Newark.



James Yoakum, the Chief Compliance and Global Risk Officer for USCG was the Northern New Jersey Chapter's Corporate Honoree at the ceremony. Yoakum's resume includes serving as an attorney for the Mead Corporation in Dayton, OH, and several positions at Prudential. Yoakum is a Chatham resident.



The PSEG Chapter bestowed honors on Alfred C. Koepp, who was named President and COO of the company in March 2000. Mr. Koepp joined PSEG in 1995 as senior vice president. His career includes serving as a trial attorney for the state Department of Public Defenders and at AT&T in the Department of Justice antitrust case.

NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Proposed Bus, Rail, Newark City Subway, Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, Bus Contract Carriers fare policy and fare increase proposal:

Bus and Newark City Subway and Bus Contract Carriers

Effective April 1, 2002, bus fares would increase an average of 10 percent. Ten-trip and monthly fares would increase in direct proportion to the one-way fares and retain their existing discounts. Reduced fares on the 126 Route and for trips between the Fort Lee Bridge Plaza and the New York City George Washington Bridge Terminal will be restored to NJ TRANSIT's standard interstate fare levels. Another proposal would allow the combination of Zone 1 and Zone 2 local bus fares into a new expanded zone fare of \$1.20 for a one-way trip and \$48.00 for a monthly pass, effective July 1, 2002.

Rail

Effective April 1, 2002, rail fares would increase an average of 16 percent. The round-trip excursion ticket would be eliminated on weekdays, but would remain in effect on weekends. The weekly and monthly tickets would retain their existing discounts and increase in proportion to the one-way fares. The fares from Newark Penn Station and Newark Broad Street to Pratt Station New York would increase to \$3.50. The fares from Newark Penn Station and Newark Broad Street to Hoboken would increase to \$2.15.

Future Fare Increase Fiscal Year 2003 - Fiscal Year 2007

A five-year fare increase plan enabling NJ TRANSIT and transit services acquired or operated by NJ TRANSIT to increase fares annually in Fiscal Year 2003 - Fiscal Year 2007 consistent with the annual or cumulative Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF), an inflation index authorized annually by the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation.

Hudson-Bergen Light Rail

Hudson-Bergen Light Rail fares would not increase at this time, but changes would be authorized for subsequent years consistent with the annual or cumulative ZORF.

Other Proposed Changes

- Establishment of a 60 percent discount for senior citizens and people with disabilities (currently approximately a 50 percent discount), consistent with New Jersey State law.
- The rail on-board ticket purchase surcharge would increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00.
- Refunds would be provided only for unused portions of monthly passes, weekly passes and 10-trip tickets.
- The one-way fare to be NJ TRANSIT's standard fare. All discounts would be considered promotional, subject to change.
- NJ TRANSIT would be authorized to set fares for new transit services consistent with the fare plan.

Public hearings will be held as authorized by N.J.S.A. 27:25-5(d). All hearings will be held on January 2, 2002 and will begin at 8:00 pm at the site (6) locations listed below:

DATE: JANUARY 2, 2002 TIME: 8:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS:

1) New Jersey Transit Corporation Board Room One Penn Plaza East Newark, New Jersey

2) NJ Department of Transportation Multi-Purpose Room 1035 Parkway Avenue Trenton, New Jersey

3) Paramus Catholic High School Auditorium 438 Paramus Road Paramus, New Jersey

4) Walter Rand Transportation Center Terminal Lobby 160 Broadway Camden, New Jersey

5) Atlantic County Office Building Auditorium 1333 Atlantic Avenue Atlantic City, New Jersey

6) Freehold Borough Hall Council Room - 2nd Floor 21 W. Main Street Freehold, New Jersey

Written comments for the record may be sent to Public Hearing Office-Fare Proposal Comments, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105 or sent by e-mail to transitfare@ntransit.com for receipt no later than midnight, January 2, 2002.

Upon request to NJ TRANSIT at Public Hearing Office-Fare Proposal Comments, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105, the proposed fare consideration will be furnished. These documents are available on NJ TRANSIT's website www.ntransit.com and will also be available for inspection and comment at the public hearing site on the evening of the hearings.

Individuals requesting sign language interpreters should contact the Public Hearing Office at 973-481-7622. Please be advised and assured that no final decisions have been made. The public's view on the proposals as expressed at the hearings will be presented to the NJ TRANSIT Board of Directors at its meeting presently scheduled to be held on January 7, 2002 prior to its final decisions on these matters.

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(From left to right) Crystal Adams, Asst. Corporate Relations Manager; Everett Oliver, Manager, Logistics; Darnie Maple, Area Vice President; Charles Bennett, National Sales Manager; Annika McManis, Asst. General Counsel; Joyce Shelby, Market Development Asst.; Leon Gilbert, Purchasing Project Manager.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. 07187699
NORWEY BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF -vs- ANNA W. HEWYARD, ET AL. DEFENDANTS.
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in Essex County Courthouse Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevaling Time)
COMMON0000152 ORANGE AVENUE EAST ORANGE NJ 07065
Lot 4 Block: 4116
Size: 25.92 X 134.82
Distance to nearest cross street: 77.35 Feet
Nearest cross street name: SMITH STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE AND 40/100 DOLLARS (\$132,379.48), together with the costs of this sale.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-017779

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F3700101
FIDELITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF -vs- ESSE BRANCH ET AL. DEFENDANTS. Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in Essex County Courthouse Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevaling Time)
COMMON0000223 WILLIAM ST ORANGE NJ 07050
Lot 38 Block: 81
Size: 23.08 Feet X 142.40 Feet
Distance to nearest cross street: 27.70 Feet
Nearest cross street name: VICTORIA CENTER STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-017723

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. 07174195
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS INC., PLAINTIFF -vs- MARIA E. CHARLES, ET AL. DEFENDANTS.
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in Essex County Courthouse Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevaling Time)
COMMON0000037 SMITH ST ORANGE NJ 07050
Lot 41 Block: 4199
Size: 37.27 Feet X 160.00 FEET
Distance to nearest cross street: 85.00 Feet
Nearest cross street name: SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-003222

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. 07714195
FIDELITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF -vs- VERA JONES ET AL. DEFENDANTS.
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in Essex County Courthouse Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevaling Time)
COMMON0000411 MAPLE AVE EAST ORANGE NJ 07017
Lot 5 Block: 331
Size: 135.34 Ft X 61.66 Ft X 100.00 Ft X 11.71 Ft
Distance to nearest cross street: 272.47 Feet
Nearest cross street name: RUTLEDGE AVENUE
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-017735

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F287701
OMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF -vs- JUANALBA GARCIA, ET AL. DEFENDANTS.
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in Essex County Courthouse Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevaling Time)
COMMON0000078178 HIDEWOOD AVE EAST ORANGE NJ 07065
Lot 4 Block: 4702
Size: APPROX. (REGULOUS) 20 X 135 Feet
Distance to nearest cross street: REGALOUS STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 02/100 DOLLARS (\$17,364.02), together with the costs of this sale.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-018328

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F452201
EQUICREDIT PLANTIFF -vs- MRS. HELEN LEATHE AND MRS. HENLEY LEATHE, HIS WIFE, ET AL., DEFENDANTS. Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in Essex County Courthouse Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevaling Time)
COMMON000007514 CHANCELLOR AVE NEWARK NJ 07112
Lot 24 Block: 3849
Size: 150.05 Ft X 100.00 Ft X 189.91 Ft X 102.33 Ft
Nearest cross street name: VIN VELSOP PLACE
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-018327

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F370101
BANK ONE N.A. FRAKITA THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PLAINTIFF -vs- SANDRA MENDEZ, SANDRA MENDEZ, HIS WIFE AND COUNTY OF ESSEX, DEFENDANTS. Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in Essex County Courthouse Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevaling Time)
COMMON0000038 CHANCELLOR AVE NEWARK NJ 07104
Lot 21 Block: 400
Size: 40.00 FEET WIDE X 90.00 FEET LONG
Distance to nearest cross street: 41.25 Feet
Nearest cross street name: VICTORIA STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-018024

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F3700101
FIDELITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF -vs- DOROTHY L. FULLER NWA ROSE, ET AL. DEFENDANTS. Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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COMMON0000231 N 6TH ST NEWARK NJ 07102
Lot 75 Block: 306
Size: 30.00 X 100.00
Distance to nearest cross street: 100.00 Feet
Nearest cross street name: SIXTH AVENUE
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-019177

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F31801
AMERICAN FINANCIAL SERVICE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF -vs- ARTHUR TUCKER, PAN AMERICAN BANK, FSTATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEFENDANTS.
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COMMON0000131 MADISON AVE NEWARK NJ 07102
Lot 21 Block: 186
Size: APPROX. 77.70 X 100 Feet
Nearest cross street name: 21ST STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-018148

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F3700101
CREDIT-RABBIT ASSET SERVICES AND SECURITIZATION, PLAINTIFF -vs- MABEL IMPRONS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS. Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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COMMON0000038 CHANCELLOR AVE NEWARK NJ 07108
Lot 24 Block: 3849
Size: 56.6 Ft X 80.0 Ft X 1.31 Ft X 2.92 Ft
Distance to nearest cross street: 29.00 Feet
Nearest cross street name: BOWEN STREET
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2001-018142

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COMMON000007514 CHANCELLOR AVE NEWARK NJ 07112
Lot 24 Block: 3849
Size: 150.05 Ft X 100.00 Ft X 189.91 Ft X 102.33 Ft
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Lot 21 Block: 186
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The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE AND 40/100 DOLLARS (\$132,379.48), together with the costs of this sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law.

Newark, N.J. November 12, 2001
ARMANDO B. FORTAURA, Sheriff
WILLIAM E. POWERS, JR., ATTORNEY(S)
Pub-Nov-21,28,Dec-5,12,2001 \$20.82

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the Swearing-In Ceremony of Mayor Robert L. Brewer and the East Orange City Council will take place on Tuesday, January 1, 2002 at Noon. The Swearing-In Ceremony will be held at the City Hall, 111 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey. The ceremony and the Re-Organization will be held at the City Hall, 111 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey. Formal action may be taken.

CYNTHIA TALAMONE

City Clerk
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City Council Chairwoman \$22.05

The Long Branch Housing Authority (LBHA) requires the professional services of a qualified Law Firm for legal services as:

General Counsel including Capital Improvements and Construction, Labor, and Tenancy.

The LBHA intends to enter into an agreement to provide these legal services for a one year period, (approximately commencing in February 1, 2002).

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All proposals must be received by the LBHA, at its Central Office, ATTN: Mr. Randy Phillips, Director of Management, by the close of business (4:00PM) on Friday, January 4, 2002.

If sufficient proposals are received, award may be made by the Board of Commissioners at its January meeting. Randy Phillips, Director of Management \$31.85

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
PINE STREET AT BLOOMFIELD AVENUE
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY 07043
CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED BY TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, NJ

Sealed bids for the new Fire Headquarters Building, Pine Street at Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ, will be received by the Township of Montclair in the Council Office, 1000 Pine Street, Montclair, New Jersey 07043, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. All prospective bidders must attend at this time to be admitted to the bidding and to receive the drawings, specifications and Bidder's Form, which all bidders are required to use in submitting their bids, may be obtained from the office of the Architect, The Bryan Architectural Group, One Claremont Avenue, Verona, NJ. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Bids for Fire Headquarters Building" and addressed to the "Township Clerk" and entered "BID NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING".

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the Township of Montclair Municipal Building located at 1000 Pine Street, Montclair, New Jersey 07043, at 10:00 A.M. All prospective bidders must attend at this time to be admitted to the bidding and to receive the drawings, specifications and Bidder's Form, which all bidders are required to use in submitting their bids, may be obtained from the office of the Architect, The Bryan Architectural Group, One Claremont Avenue, Verona, NJ. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Bids for Fire Headquarters Building" and addressed to the "Township Clerk" and entered "BID NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING".

The General Contractor or his subcontractor must have a minimum of five years experience and have completed a minimum of five projects in remodeling completed state of complete renovation and reconstruction of the Fire Headquarters Building. The Bidder must complete and submit with the bid the "Remodelation Contractor's Experience Statement" form, which is attached to the Bidder's Proposal Form. The Bidder's experience statement must be submitted with the bid. The Bidder's experience statement must be submitted with the bid. The Bidder's experience statement must be submitted with the bid.

Plans and Specifications may be purchased in the amount of \$100.00. The Bidder must submit a money order, Check, or Money Order must be made payable to the Architect. This cost will be the reproduction of the plans and specifications. The Bidder's experience statement must be submitted with the bid. The Bidder's experience statement must be submitted with the bid. The Bidder's experience statement must be submitted with the bid.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 (NJ 12:27 c. 127). A Certified Check, Cash, or Money Order must be submitted with the bid in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid but not to exceed \$25,000.

The Township of Montclair reserves the right to consider bids on file (60 days after their receipt) and the right is reserved to make any award on each item separately or at a whole to accept any bid to reject any or all of them.

By order of the Council of the Township of Montclair.
Linda D. Wanan, Township Clerk \$56.75

REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSAL

For: Sealed Bid Proposal Number 44

RE: For the Renovation of 7,000 sq. ft., third floor, Essex County Courthouse, 605 Park Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07017, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2002

All Bids will be publicly opened and read out on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. at the address above. Interested bidders should call (973) 476-1141 for information regarding the project and to obtain Bid Documents. The Bid Documents will be available from January 10, 2002 to January 21, 2002, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Bidders who have inquiries should contact (973) 723-4448. Bids must be submitted in a SEALED envelope with the BIDDER'S NAME and the BID NUMBER clearly displayed on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be fully responsible for the delivery of their Bids. Related to this B, Mail and other carrier's is at the Bidder's expense.

East Orange Community Charter School reserves the right to waive any information in any BID/Proposal and to accept any BID/Proposal. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of the provisions of the Minority and Female Business Enterprises Act, N.J.A.C. 17:27-14.1 et seq.

A Pre-Bid meeting and walk-through of the renovation site will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2001 at 10:00 am, 685 Park Avenue, Office of Administration, East Orange, NJ 07016.

12/10/01
East Orange Community Charter School
685 Park Avenue P.O. Box 216
East Orange, NJ 07016-2166 \$49.00

Fax legals to:
973-642-5444
24 hours a day

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

67 SUSSEX AVENUE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07103

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lot No. 01-918-7000

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK has received sealed bids to Furnish and Deliver Fuel Oil No. 2 in various sizes on as needed basis at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 4, 2002, at 1000 Mulberry Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read out.

Bid forms and contract documents, including specifications are on file at the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, 1000 Mulberry Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07103, (973) 475-8562. Bidder's Name: NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07103.

All bids must be accompanied by a negotiable cash guarantee payable to the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK. The bid guarantee may be certified check, bank draft, or Government Treasury Note or a satisfactory bid bond secured by a surety company acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey. The guarantee shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid but not to exceed twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond(s) in the amount of 100% of the contract as awarded. The surety company for all bonds must be a company acceptable to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The surety company must be licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of the provisions of the provisions of the Minority and Female Business Enterprises Act, N.J.A.C. 17:27-14.1 et seq.

Bids shall be submitted to: Roslyn D. Holmes Grant, Exec., Contracting Officer, NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, 1000 Mulberry Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07103. Bids shall be clearly marked for: FURNISH AND DELIVER FUEL OIL, NO. 2 AT VARIOUS SIZES, 5th FLOOR, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07103.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any information in the bidding as well as reserves the right to reject all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received. The Housing Authority reserves the right to accept a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

No bid shall be withdrawn from a valid bid (60 days) subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK.

For further information, contact Nita Patel, Property Manager, NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, 1000 Mulberry Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07103.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
ROBERT GRAHAM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR \$55.75

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Aubrey Lewis leaves a great legacy

MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) — Aubrey Lewis, a record-setting pro athlete who went on to become one of the first black FBI agents and later served as president of the Woolworth's chain, has died. He was 66.

Lewis died Monday at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, about six weeks after he entered the facility in need of a heart transplant. He had been diagnosed with an enlarged heart as a youth, but was often able to fool doctors into letting him compete as an athlete.

He first won recognition for his gridiron exploits at Montclair High School, where he ran for 49 touchdowns and close to 4,500 yards as he led the school's football team to a 26-1 record and two state championships from 1951-53.

Lewis often played in the first half of the game, because his coaches did not want to run up the score. In one game, he ran for 223 yards and scored four touchdowns ... all in one quarter.

His accomplishments were recognized last year, when he was honored as New Jersey's Offensive Football Player of the Century by The Star-Ledger of Newark.

Following his prep career, Lewis went to Notre Dame, where he earned All-American honors and set a world record in the 440-yard hurdles. He played one season

with the Chicago Bears in 1958 before an ankle injury ended his career.

He then returned to New Jersey and became a school teacher, working at schools in Newark. Montclair and Paterson before a chance meeting led him to a job with the FBI.

While he was teaching at Paterson Central High, Notre Dame officials asked Lewis to represent the university at the college Hall of Fame banquet in New York. His dinner companion was Harvey Foster, who was chief of the FBI office in Newark who had just been told to increase diversity among his staff.

Lewis spent six years in the FBI and was a personal aide to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis before he joined Woolworth's, where he worked for 28 years before resigning for health reasons.

Born in Glen Ridge, Lewis lived most of his life in Montclair. After leaving Woolworth's, he was a commissioner with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and served as chairman of the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey.

Msgr. Linder named one of ten most caring people

Past winners include Mother Teresa, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, and Wally "Famous" Amos.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Monsignor William Linder, founder of New Jersey-based New Community Corporation, is a 2001 winner of a National Caring Award, as announced by Senator Frank E. Moss, chairman of the Caring Institute, Linder, head of the country's largest community development organization, was honored with nine fellow awarders at a ceremony in D.C. recently.

The National Caring Award is given annually to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary compassion and caring to celebrate and reinforce their activities and create role models for society. As a 2001 inductee into the Hall of Fame for Caring Americans, Linder joins a prestigious group of past winners including Mother Teresa, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter.

Linder is credited with revitalizing the Central Ward of Newark, New Jersey after the 1967 civil disorder destroyed much of the neighborhoods, and in the process, developing a model of entrepreneurial capitalism that has been replicated across America and in countries around the globe. Linder founded New Community Corporation (NCC), which grew from a grassroots effort to restore dignity to a devastated community to become the most comprehensive and successful community development

corporation in the country, which touches the lives of thousands.

"The key element to the success of NCC is that men and women of every race and religion trust Linder and through his leadership are able to use their individual talents for their common good," said Caring Institute founder Val Halamandaris.

"It is undeniable that he has been the catalyst, a visionary who has brought a new approach for non-profits to help them pull themselves up by their bootstraps. The evidence is conclusive that entrepreneurial philanthropy works."

Linder used the free enterprise system to create opportunity and transform the quality of life for thousands of families in many urban communities. Under NCC's umbrella are educational programs and charter schools, over 3,000 units of affordable housing for rent and ownership, health and daycare services, financial services and art programs. Revenues from NCC's business ventures, which include a home and commercial building component manufacturing company, a Pathmark shopping center and a restaurant and a fashion institute, are reinvested back into community programs.

The work of Linder and NCC has international influence and each week groups come to visit NCC to see the accomplishments first hand.



Education Council report says Newark higher ed institutes fuel city's rebirth

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But their combined impact on the economy is only part of the story. The four schools also vitalize the city, improving the quality of life and turning it into a vibrant college town. Thousands of students graduate each year from the colleges, joining the workforce as doctors, dentists, engineers, architects, computer scientists, lawyers, teachers and executives.

The schools, all located in the University Heights section of Newark, have a long record of invigorating the neighborhood with developments and capital improvements.

The most ambitious project is the development of the University Heights Science Park. When the project is completed, University Heights' Science Park will offer one million square feet of building space for research, technology, business startups and offices.

Science Park will also include housing units, a childcare center, retail space and a Science High School for Newark.

From the opening of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and Riverfront Stadium, to the increased demand for office space and the construction of thousands of houses, the city is on an upswing; more and more people are choosing to live, work, and study here. And propelling the city's resurgence are the four schools that make Newark their home, together educating students, employing workers, using goods and services, while making the city a better place to live, learn and work.

This study was requested and funded by the CHEN to evaluate the collective economic impact of the four Newark campuses of the State of New Jersey, and to describe their contributions to the local economy of Newark and its

Ascroft defends actions:

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intended to reduce the secrecy of government.

The suit aims to force the Justice Department to release the names of people arrested and detained, where and why they are being held, whether they have legal representation and whether the government has requested any secrecy orders pertaining to the arrests.

Shapiro said the ACLU has reason to believe that there have been more than 1,200 arrests in America in connection with terrorism attacks. He said most of the charges against the detainees have no connection with terrorism. Information is sketchy, he said, so there is no way to know how many are still in jail.

He said about 550 have been detained by the Immigration Naturalization Service, about 100 have been arrested on federal criminal charges, and the remainder have been arrested apparently on

state and local criminal charges.

Ascroft, a former U.S. senator, whose appointment was strongly opposed by civil rights groups because of his conservatism, also pushed Congress to approve a string of questionable laws that includes expanding ability for tapping cell and stationary phones and secretly obtaining emails and Internet activity.

He has also used administrative rules to allow federal attorneys to cave-drop on conversations between attorneys and their clients.

According to polls, many Americans, including Black people, believe Ascroft when he says his policies have been justified due to the risk of future terrorist attacks even as civil rights groups have complained.

Shapiro said, "It is absolutely essential that while we fight to defend our freedoms, we not lose track of the freedoms we are fighting to defend. And that this country needs to find a way and can find a

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NU TRANSIT PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION
FISCAL YEAR 2002 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER
THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21st CENTURY
The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), gives notice of its intent to apply for \$178.61 million under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 for operating and capital assistance, \$207.58 million for capital projects under Section 5308, \$2.25 million under Section 5310 for transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and \$5.09 million under Section 5311 for transportation in rural areas. It is also NJ TRANSIT's intent to apply for \$10.00 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds authorized under TEA-21.

Federal operating funds will be matched as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and local recipients in accordance with Federal and State regulations. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-federal share of capital projects through credit for toll revenues and State funds committed to Urban Core projects as approved by TEA-21. The Fiscal Year 2002 program is described below.

Proposed Section 5307 Formula Operating and Capital Program (in Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Bus Purchase	4.95
Rail Preventive Maintenance	43.89
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Building Capital Leases	1.25
Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation	1.00
Bus Purchase	10.07
Rail Rolling Stock Purchase	1.40
Wooden Terminal/Vault Rehabilitation	0.58
Newark-Elizabeth Rail Line, Phase I	8.19
Transit Enhancements	0.23
Midbus/Van Purchase	0.65
Total	178.61
Proposed Section 5308 Fixed Guideway Modernization Program (in Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Bridge/Tunnel Rehabilitation	13.33
Track Rehabilitation	17.48
Main/Regional/Passaic Valley Lines Upgrade	4.38
Rail Rolling Stock Purchase	1.00
Rail Rolling Stock Purchase	1.53
Rail Preventive Maintenance	55.35
Total	88.91
Proposed Section 5309 New Start and Bus Programs (in Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Transit Station Rehabilitation	4.85
Alternative Fuel Bus Purchase	8.87
South Amey Intermodal Transportation Initiative	1.23
West Trenton Rail Line Passenger Service Rehabilitation	4.38
Lakewood/Clark-Franklin Passenger Service Restoration	1.29
Newark-Elizabeth Rail Line Construction	20.00
Newark Intermodal Improvements	5.59
Shuttle Bus Purchase	2.94
Newark-Bergen Light Rail Transit System Construction	15.00
Total	200.54
Proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (in Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Bus Purchase	4.95
Community Shuttle Bus Program	0.90
Bus Emission Control	2.23
Total	8.08

- Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic and Social Aspects**
Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the law and regulatory requirements. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental, and relocation aspects of the projects will be investigated. If required under applicable laws and regulations, impact studies may be prepared at a future public hearing and for their public comment will be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Federal regulations. The availability of this document will be made known by publication in the same manner as for notice. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all Federal statutes and regulations affecting properties eligible for or on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Consolidative Planning**
NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organizations: The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the northern New Jersey urbanized area, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, which is the designated MPO for Camden, Meriden, Burlington, and Gloucester counties, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, which is the designated MPO for Cumberland, Salem, Atlantic, and Cape May counties. The MPOs are the forums for local decision-making on the proposed projects. The projects are developed in consultation with local elected officials, interested citizens, and providers of private bus services.
- Private Enterprises Participation**
Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPOs and ongoing communication with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Private Enterprise Affairs, NJ TRANSIT continues to discuss viable partnership opportunities in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages, to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation projects in the State of New Jersey.
- Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities**
Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interest rates and interest-free bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements involving facilities generally available to the public with careful consideration of the special needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
- Public Input**
NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Written comments and/or requests for a public hearing may be sent to Thomas J. Woods, Senior Director of Service Contracts, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07102-2246 by January 11, 2002. Based on comments received in response to this notice and information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above program before final administration. The Federal Transit Administration will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order. The above list of proposed projects will become the final list of projects unless notification is given in the same manner as this public notice.

Jeffrey A. Warsh
Executive Director
New Jersey Transit Corporation
One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07102-2246
973-491-7000

Attention Readers

The December 12th paper is the last paper City News will publish for the year. Our next paper will publish on January 16th with a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King.

For information on editorial for the January 16th Dr. King issue, call 973-642-4400, fax to 973-642-5444 or e-mail your information to Editorial@Citynewsnetwork.com

For advertising call Shanda Laws 973-642-4400



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